(c) The proposed SAI Sub-Centre at Nagercoil in Tamil Nadu could not be established because of the land, allotted by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, falls under the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) in which no construction is permitted. The selection of feasible alternate land is under process.

Selection of sports persons for commonwealth games

†3270. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to change the existing structure of the Sports Council, if so, by when this process would be completed;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that neither essential resources nor coaches in sufficient number are available for players in all the Universities in the country;

(c) if so, whether it would be appropriate for them to participate in ensuing Commonwealth Games; and

(d) whether Government have completed the procedure of selection of sports persons for participation in forthcoming Commonwealth Games and the practice has been started by organising camps, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Details of availability of essential resources and coaches *vis-a-vis* their adequacy for players in all the Universities, is not maintained.

(c) Selection for participation in the ensuing Commonwealth Games in individual disciplines is made by the National Sports Federations.

(d) The preparation/training of sportspersons for major international events including Commonwealth and Olympic Games is an on-going process which takes into account inputs provided by National Sports Federations (NSFs). Systematic approach is adopted to select and train athletes and teams for participation in the major international events by

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

drawing Long Term Development Programme (LTDP) to put in action four year roll-on Plan under which elite sportspersons selected on the basis of their performance are put through scientifically designed continuous training programme. Coaches are also being imparted training from time to time. In addition to this, talented sportspersons are being inducted in SAI Sports Promotional Schemes at Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Level.

Setting up of Village Sports Academies

3271. SHRI N.R. GOVIND. RAJAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether traditional sports of Indian Origin (Kabaddi, Kho-Kho etc.) are vanishing gradually as they are not given priority;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to provide opportunities to rural sport persons at National and International level by setting up Village Sport Academy and provide them training and other facilities; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated for sports events of Indian Origin during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) 'Sports' is a State Subject and promotion of sports including the indigenous and regional games in the responsibility of respective States, various National Sports Federations and State Sports Associations within their respective jurisdiction. However, the Government of India through its various schemes and the schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI) augments the efforts of the State Government and National Sports Federations in promotion of sports all over the country. National Sports Policy, 2001, *inter-alia* states that indigenous games will be promoted through schemes related to rural sports. Rural Sports Tournament scheme includes traditional games like Archery, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Tug of War and Wrestling. Under the various schemes of Sports Authority of India, traditional Indian sports like Archery, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Wrestling etc. are also being promoted.

The Government of India through its scheme of 'Assistance to National Sports Federations' gives financial assistance to recognized National Sports Federations as per the provisions of the scheme. Disciplines recognized